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and Vaccine

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ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction and election mailed on October 21, 2002, Group I (claims 1-67) drawn to recombinant chimeric HBc proteins is hereby elected without traverse. Invention A, wherein the Plasmodium is Plasmodium falciparum, is also elected. The Plasmodium falciparum B cell epitope elected is that of the sequence NANPNVDP(NANP)<sub>3</sub> of at least SEQ ID NO: 3, whereas the elected T cell epitope is EYLNKIQNSLSTEWSPCSVT of at least SEQ ID NOS: 79 and 148.

The elected single disclosed species is that expressed by plasmid V12.Pf3.1 that contains, from N-terminus toward the C-terminus, the HBc sequence from position 1 through position 78 linked to residues GlyIle from the restriction site linked to the above B cell epitope linked to the residues GluLeu from the restriction site linked to the HBc sequence of position 79 through 149 linked to the above T cell epitope sequence. The

claims readable on the above single disclosed species are as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8-11, 13-17, 19, 20, 22-30, 32-37, 39-43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 51, 53, 54, 56-58, 60-65 and 67.

It is believed that this application is in condition for an action on the merits and for allowance of all of the claims. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary. However, should any further fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned should any questions arise that can be dealt with over the phone to expedite this prosecution.

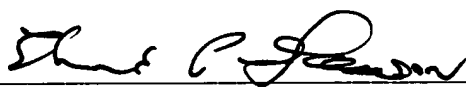
Respectfully submitted,

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